

What Goes On

Sat., July 13, 8 a.m. - Redistricting Meeting, Patuxent Wildlife Center, Conference Room, Snowden Hall
8 a.m. - Swim Meet, Greenbelt vs. Forest Swim Club, Municipal Pool

Sun, July 14, 7 p.m. - "Karl Anthony Quartet Concert. Buddy Attick Park

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... And More

Mon., July 15, 8 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Tues., July 16, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Bloodmobile, GHI offices

Thurs., July 18, 8 p.m. - GHI Board Meeting. Hamilton Place

Environmental Groups Ask Council to Save Wetlands

by Betsy Likowski

Two local environmental groups described to the Greenbelt City Council some of their activities at a council work session on Wednesday, June 25. Representatives of the Anacostia Watershed Society urged council to save the wetlands of the A.H. Smith property near the Greenbelt Metro station site, located just west of Greenbelt, by supporting their resolution

Interstate Commission

First up for the evening was a slide show on the Anacostia River by Michael Judd of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB). The streams in Greenbelt flow into tributaries of the Anacostia River, which flows into the Potomac River, which flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

The slide show gave basic information about the Anacostia River, its history, and problems of the river. Problems include the dumping of toxic wastes (such as motor oil), too many nutrients (such as too much fertilizer on lawns washing off into streams), a huge loss of wetlands, runoff scouring out stream channels, and silt (from such sources as construction).

Beverly Bann, Assistant Director for Public Affairs at ICPRB, then explained to council a little of what the organization is and does. The 50-year-old group is a result of a compact made by the United States Congress.

ICPRB's work in the Anacostia River basin results from the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Agreement of 1987.

The ICPRB has three education projects: a newsletter, publications, and a group of nine coordinators who work in the nine sub-basins of the river. They show slides and get citizens involved in local projects. Judd is one coordinator and Greenbelter Marsha Barrett is another.

Bann said the group also tries to help people find solutions to problems.

All the council members expressed interest in and asked questions about ICPRB. Council member Thomas White asked for the group's perspective on the construction of the Metro Green Line which, he said, is the largest project in the Anacostia River basin. The group does not "tread on another agency's function," Bann replied. The group's function is to educate.

A. H. Smith Wetland Park
Executive Director Robert Boone and President Larry Silverman of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), a non-profit group, asked council to support a resolution to make a wetland park on the A. H. Smith property, just west of Springhill Lake.

The resolution calls for: (1) acquisition of the A. H. Smith wetland property by the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) by itself or with the county and other local jurisdictions, (2) seek funding

from the state Department of Natural Resources to reclaim mined property (much of the Smith property was sand and gravel mines) for use as a wetland nature preserve, and (3) develop a management plan by the county, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and Greenbelt to maximize the ecological and recreational aspects of the property.

A wetland park next to the Greenbelt Metro station could make it "one of the most beautiful transit stops in the world," exclaimed Silverman. It would be a resource comparable to Rock Creek Park, said Boone. Silverman told council that he thought their vote on the issue was the most important, for much is possible with grass roots support.

Council discussed the resolution, tinkered with the wording and decided to discuss it at the next regular city council meeting.

Council member Antoinette Bram asked about AWS discussions with the property owner and Metro. Tracy Tucker, Acting Assistant General Manager for Design and Construction, thinks it idealistic, said Silverman. Council member Edward Putens expressed willingness to annex the property.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld thought if it was done it would add "a valuable asset to Prince Georges County" and be a part of the mitigation effort of WMATA. White added that the success of the project would mean there would be publically owned land next to the western edge of Greenbelt.

Acting city manager Michael McLaughlin asked if the resolution had been presented to College Park and Berwyn Heights. Council discussed this and thought it was a good idea.

Meeting Tuesday On Redistricting

The Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16 to obtain citizens' input into the state's congressional and legislative redistricting plans.

The meeting will be held at the Hyattsville City Municipal Building, 4210 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville. The committee has requested that anyone wishing to testify call 1-800-688-7494 to reserve a time.

Testimony is limited to congressional and legislative redistricting plans only. The committee will not take testimony on councilmanic redistricting or other local government redistricting.

Changes in City Election Policies On Council Meeting Agenda July 15

by Diane Oberg

Council terms could be extended from two to four years and new procedures established for campaign signs, both under proposals that the Greenbelt City Council will consider at its July 15 regular meeting. Council and members of the city's Board of Elections discussed the proposal at a July 8 worksession.

Four-Year Terms

Council has several times considered whether to double the length of council terms to four years. At an earlier work session this year, council discussed placing an advisory referendum on the next election ballot. The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition is also considering whether to petition council for this change.

Council member Thomas X. White opposed council's initiating such an action. He felt that any such change should be initiated by citizens. He said that the two-year terms forced council members to win citizen support every two years; he suggested that good government in Greenbelt is partly the result

of the two-year terms.

Council members Antoinette M. Bram, Edward Putens, Joseph Isaacs and Mayor Gil Weidenfeld saw no harm in council's taking the initiative, although Bram agreed that a citizen initiative "would look better."

None of the council members were willing to make such a change without approval of the voters, either by means of an advisory referendum or a binding vote on a charter change.

The advantages cited for a four-year term were less city expense, more productive time for a council freed from the need to campaign every two years and less imposition on voters, some of whom have complained to Bram of having to bother with an election every two years. The disadvantages include a possibly less responsive council and less frequent opportunity for new candidates.

Nat Shinderman suggested staggered terms, with several council members running every two years. Rodney Roberts opposed staggered terms, which he said would force challengers to run every two years while incumbents only had to defend

their seats every four years. He also suggested that the city establish citizens' rights to recall council members if council terms are extended.

Signs

One proposal could drastically reduce the number of campaign signs posted around the city. Currently candidates compete to post signs in as many yards as possible, and supporters frequently (and illegally) post signs on city-owned property. Under the new proposal, council would authorize use of roughly a dozen city-owned sites for candidates' signs. The Board of Elections had reviewed, but voted not to recommend, this change. The council members had some differences over how the proposal would be implemented.

Weidenfeld foresaw a council motion or resolution establishing the sites and encouraging candidates to sign an agreement to post signs only in these designated sites. The agreement would not take force unless all candidates signed. The First Amendment prevents council from banning candidates or citizens from posting signs in private yards.

Isaacs saw no need for a writ-
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Giese Remembers the Way It Was And How It Became the Way It Is

by Betsy Likowski

When James K. Giese started as city manager on December 12, 1962 Greenbelt was very different than it is today. There was no Greenbelt East, Beltway Plaza was a few stores and a theater, and as the highest paid city employee Giese earned \$9,000. Giese shared remembrance of things past with Greenbelt Historical Society and members of the public in a talk on Wednesday, June

5. He emphasized the development of Greenbelt and touched on its future.

When he first came to Greenbelt for a job interview on Halloween in 1962, "Buddy" Attick, director of the Public Works Department, gave him a tour of the city. At Beltway Plaza, the building that now houses Marshall's was then a big hole in the ground. Some of the dirt from that site went to fill in the flood plain at the site of the Greenbelt Metro station.

Another big hole in the ground was where Kenilworth Avenue crosses over the Beltway.

Greenbelt Homes, Lakewood and Woodland Hills were already in existence, but Lakeside had many vacant lots. "I now live in one of the model homes," said Giese "but I couldn't afford it at the time." It was \$19,000.

The News Review had just published its 25th Anniversary book on Greenbelt. It "was my source of historical information for years," said Giese.

The Early City

When Giese first came to town, Greenbelt Homes (GHI) residents ran the town politically. "Some of the first issues

I had to deal with were what was a GHI issue and what was a city issue," said Giese. Another big problem was there was no police chief.

The city government was much smaller in 1962. There were four police officers, now there are 42. The first city budget he submitted was \$330,000, the last, \$10 million.

The police station, the city council chambers and the city offices were in the second floor of the building that now houses High's. The city receptionist was also the police dispatcher. And the night-time maintenance calls from GHI residents were taken by the police dispatcher.

Development

"The bulk of the town was developed while I was here," said
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Thanks

The Greenbelt Girl Scouts would like to say, "Thanks" to those Greenbelt shoppers who so kindly donated items for local foster children in our recent "Kids Helping Kids" campaign. On May 11 we collected toiletry items, toys and school supplies from shoppers outside Safeway and Drug Emporium in Greenway Center. The items were then bagged for individual foster children at a bagging party at Greenbelt Community Church, complete with pizza donated by Domino's Pizza of Centerway.

We hope that with the help of Greenbelt residents, we made the foster experience a little easier for about 75 children, who received the items donated.

Thanks, Greenbelt!
Greenbelt Girl Scouts
Karen Yoho, Troop Leader

Other Ideas

I am in favor of housing that meets the needs of senior citizens. However, the incredible, hulking structure as seen in the composite photograph in this paper appears to be overpowering and engulfing the surrounding campus-like area. I would think a more appropriate site for a high-rise building would better reflect the desire of Greenbelters to live in a community which covets open, undeveloped vistas of green space.

Old Greenbelt is built on a human scale. The senior co-op housing complex as presently designed seems to defy that vision as it rises proud and haughty above every other building in the center. I find this design objectionable and propose the housing group consider other possible solutions to seniors' needs.

Some suggestions that come to mind include:

(1) Downsizing the building to 3 or 4 levels (including parking) and build it in the Co-op parking lot, where it will sit appropriately and conveniently among other apartments as well as in the Center, near shopping and other conveniences.

(2) Buy the presently standing apartment buildings, and install an elevator.

As renters leave, sell or rent the individual units to seniors.

(3) Provide volunteer or low cost lawn mowing, housecleaning, meal and room-mate services to seniors remaining in their own homes.

(4) Discuss the expansion of Green Ridge House to allow for housing more seniors.

(5) Build the co-op as presently designed in a more appropriate location near other high-rise structures, e.g., Greenway Center or by the new subway station near Springhill Lake Apartments.

I can't believe our seniors would want to be a part in the destruction of the beauty of this city which they have worked so hard to retain. I hope the community can reach a consensus that benefits the wonderful seniors in our midst who have made this city what it is today.

Peggy Sclater

Letters to the Editor

Precious Heritage

As a former chairperson of the Greenbelt Museum committee and current member of a committee involved in planning the cultural arts component of the new Community Center, I am very much concerned about the severe impact the proposed senior apartment building structure would have on the historic center of Greenbelt.

As the years have gone by, the wisdom of the original plan of Old Greenbelt as a serene, livable community with plenty of open green space has become more and more apparent. In addition, the planners left us a heritage of Art Deco architecture that is distinctive enough to create considerable discussion about whether Greenbelt should be placed on the National Historic Register.

This is a precious heritage, and we should fight to safeguard it.

A team of architects is currently preparing for the transformation of Center School into a new Community Center. This they envision as the hub of a green campus, to include all the important public areas and buildings in the heart of Greenbelt. This approach seems eminently sound.

So far, public discussion of the proposed new apartment building has focused on its height, understandably since it would be by far the tallest structure in the heart of Old Greenbelt. However, the architect's rendering that appeared in the News Review on July 4 makes it clear that the length of the building should be of equal or greater concern.

If it is built, Center School, one of the most important Art Deco buildings in the area, will forever be dwarfed by a towering mass of masonry. In addition, the proposal specifies that the apartment house and this historic building be physically linked by a covered passageway.

Mistakes in stone and masonry last a very long time. A few have already been made in the center of town. Such mistakes are perhaps understandable, because they were made during the period when Greenbelt's buildings were seen as simply aging and old-fashioned. Now, though, enough time has passed for us to realize that they are historic, and to cherish them by guarding against the intrusion of what is aesthetically inappropriate to the overall design.

The availability of Senior Citizen housing in Greenbelt is a very big plus to the town, in my opinion, and I would like to see more of it built. But it should be located on the periphery, like Green Ridge House.

I hope Council will not approve the present proposal.

Dorothy Sucher

Will Be Fair

I am writing in regard to Clara Kuehn's letter in the July 4 issue. I do not intend to enter into a debate with Ms. Kuehn or anyone else. However, since Ms. Kuehn has chosen to impugn me personally in a public forum, I will say this:

I am confident that when all is said and done next spring, any objective observer will conclude that my handling of the GHI Woodlands Committee and committee matters was completely fair and impartial.

Alan Freas

Strongly Opposed

I saw the composite photo showing the senior co-op housing proposal in the July 4 News Review. Much as I would like to be able to support senior co-op housing, I found the height and sheer size of the structure to be entirely unacceptable on this site.

I appreciate the good intentions and efforts of those who have proposed senior housing. But there is a limit to how much building a community can accommodate before it becomes exactly the kind of crowded urban center that Greenbelt was designed to avoid. This proposal goes well beyond that limit to unacceptable urbanization.

If we have any intention of preserving what is unique about Greenbelt, the last thing we should be doing is contemplating high-density development in the heart of Old Greenbelt. In fact, the photo doesn't look like a picture of Greenbelt at all.

I am making my strong opposition to this idea known to the City Council and I would urge all citizens who are similarly opposed to do the same. We must not allow council to make this alarming proposal a reality. If they don't hear from us, it could happen.

Ruth Kastner

Stop It Now

In my opinion, the city should be focusing its energies on reforestation, rather than on more bricks and mortar. At the rate we're going, it won't be long before the name "Greenbelt" becomes a cruel, ironic reminder of the precious heritage we once had and foolishly threw away.

Let's stop the proposed high-rise senior housing project right now.

Charles P. Hagelgans

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Oversized

The photo of the "Warehouse for Seniors" in the July 4 issue truly gives me the creeps. The planner must have watched far too many horror movies, which is reflected in this oversized monster "shoehorned" into a tiny area to complete the planned destruction of any semblance of what Greenbelt formerly stood for... open space and excellence of design for its citizenry... thanks to President Roosevelt's administration and foresight.

This has all of the "North End School" fiasco appearance. If another senior housing project is undertaken, it should be situated in a pleasant park-like setting such as the area near the water tower at Ridge Road and Lastner Lane. The bucolic view lends itself to quietness, high elevation, with farm animals stirring. The former power company property would also be acceptable, if enlarged and back off of the road somewhat. A lovely place to be sure. Nix on the center site. Seniors neither desire nor need that much convenience at the expense of more important matters. Besides there is transportation available if the need be.

The area is totally inadequate for the size of the structure, which gives the appearance of a huge beast on the prowl searching for its prey. Apartment living is horrible enough, being squeezed in makes it far worse. Needed are space, paths and benches in shaded areas. Honor your elderly... if you are lucky—you too will become one yourself. Is that what you want... cooped up waiting for the grim reaper at the center? I think not! Ugh!

Charlie Kendall

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn 474-5285

Greenbelters were saddened by the death of Eileen Labukas. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Peter and children Kathryn, Peter Jr., Elizabeth and Lynn.

Congratulations to ERHS for being selected by the United States Department of Education to receive the 1991 National Exemplary Schools Award.

Several Greenbelters have been awarded grants by the Prince Georges Arts Council to support a range of programs in music, theater, dance, visual arts, and multi-cultural, interdisciplinary projects. The grantees and their specialties are Graceanne Adamo, of Morrison Drive, for dance; Jim Olson, of Periwinkle Court, for music; Liza Linder, of Parkway, for visual arts; and Karen L. Goss, of Bird Lane, for media.

R. Hal Silvers is currently at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park. The Silvers family is grateful for the greetings and get-well wishes that have been extended to date.

Airman Karris A. Love graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX, where she studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. A 1990 ERHS graduate, she is the daughter of Lucille V. Love of Mandan Road.

Recreation Review

The Recreation Department is selling discount tickets to Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, Wild World, Busch Gardens, Dorney Park, Great Adventure, and Sesame Place.

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WINDSOR GREEN ELECTS OFFICERS

At the Windsor Green Home-owners Association annual meeting held June 18, Martha Price, Sheldon Goldberg, Kim McGee and Deborah Smith were elected to the Board of Directors. These four Board members joined Dave Lychenheim to comprise the full Board. On June 21, the directors held an organizational meeting and elected the following officers for the 1991-1992 year:

Dave Lychenheim, president; Sheldon Goldberg, 1st vice president; Martha Price, 2nd vice president; Kim McGee, treasurer; and Deborah Smith, secretary.

Windsor Green Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month in the Windsor Green Community Center and are open to all owners and residents of

CARES OFFERS GED COURSE

Greenbelt CARES' Summer semester of the GED course began Tuesday, July 9, and will run for 10 weeks, ending September 12. The course is held from 9:30-11:30 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, in the Municipal Building. For enrollment information, call Greenbelt CARES, 345-6660.

Tour the Green Belt

Tours of the "green belt", sponsored by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, are held each Saturday at noon. Meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments provided. For information, call 474-4863.

the community.

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

**Monday, July 15, 1991
8:00 p.m.**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentation
 - Name the Pool Contest Winner
7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
10. Committee Reports - Presentation
 - Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report 4-91
 - Parks and Recreation Assessment Study

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)
 - Second Reading
12. A Resolution to Establish Pool Fees
 - First Reading
13. A Resolution to Designate City Officials Authorized to Sign Checks, Vouchers, Purchase Orders, and Payroll Checks for the City of Greenbelt and to Repeal Resolution Number 754
 - First Reading, Suspension of Rules.
 - Second Reading and Final Passage
14. A Resolution to Urge the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to Seek to Acquire Wetlands and Other Property Near the Greenbelt METRO Station, in Cooperation with Other Public Agencies for Use as a Wetlands Nature Preserve
 - First Reading, Suspension of Rules.
 - Second Reading and Final Passage
15. A Resolution to Amend the City of Greenbelt's Limit on Hourly Wages and Amend Resolution Number 758
 - First Reading, Suspension of Rules.
 - Second Reading and Final Passage

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

16. Senior Citizen Co-op Housing Project
17. Election Procedures
 - Campaign Signs on Public Property
 - Electioneering Areas 100 feet from Polls
 - Relocate Polling Places in Precincts 8 and 13 to Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Windsor Green Community Center
 - Charter Amendment to Change Terms of Office for City Council to Four Years
 - Direct Election of Mayor
 - Financial Disclosure
18. Proposed Amendments to Maryland Municipal League Constitution

- * 19. Dance License Applications or Renewals
- 20. Resignation from Advisory Board

V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA — SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 474-3870.

**Dorothy Lauber, CMC
Acting City Clerk**

Concert in the Park

The 1991 Summer Sounds Series continues with the "Karl Anthony Quartet" on Sunday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at the "Buddy" Attick Park. All residents are welcome.

Pool to Open at 1 pm On Saturday, July 13

The Greenbelt pool will open at approximately 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13, following the swim meet.

Seniors Softball

by Jerry Conway

All senior citizens of Greenbelt who have any interest in slow pitch softball are invited to have fun in softball on Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Friday mornings at Braden Field. This event will be noncompetitive.

Its main purpose will be for fun, humor, good fellowship and sportsmanship. Any man or woman aged 55 and up is invited to participate in this event as many times as you wish. Bats and balls will be provided. Warm up stretch exercises will be recommended before and after each event. People should come and enjoy exercise and fun with friends they didn't know they had.

The senior citizens engaged in competitive slow pitch softball leagues and tournaments will continue playing every Monday and Wednesday in the Howard and Baltimore County Leagues. They will participate in state and national league contests. Anybody 60 plus is invited to join this team in these leagues. The team has already begun the second half 14 game series, and

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Swim Team News

by Merriam Lofgren and
Morgan Groft

The Greenbelt Swim Team has won their third meet in a row. The scores of the meets have been Greenbelt 280, Bannister 246; Greenbelt 292, Accokeek 236; and Greenbelt 301, Oxon Hill 232.

Triple winners who contributed to the team's success this week were Jenny Drake and Aruna Inversin. Aruna is a league record holder in 11-12 boys 50 meter breaststroke. Other high point winners were: Morgan Groft, Jeanne Kepler, Merriam Lofgren, Danielle Leas—13 points; Josh Kepler—14 points; Casey Connor, Richard Cunningham, Brendan Gardes, Ben Kepler, Joey Lynch, Kate Stratton—10 points; Alicia Derin, Christine Maher, Matthew Swartz—9 points; Tommy Bradley—8 points.

People with the most improved times were Kristina Zugby, Tara Schwab, Danielle Connor and Jay Cox.

Special thanks to Jenny Drake for pulling the girl's relay into first place. Congratulations Ben Kepler for his "no-breath" 25 meter relay swim.

The Greenbelt swim team sold lots of yummy baked goods and hot dogs at the pool during and after the meet. (We had a few samples ourselves and we both agree that Panya's cookies were very good.)

The public is welcome to come and view the meet against Forest Pool this Saturday, July 13, at Greenbelt Municipal Pool. The meet will begin at 8:30 a.m. The baked goods sale will be there, hopefully Panya's cookies will be, too. Tune in next week for another exciting article.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION



Artists and artwork subject to availability

Eileen Mudd Labukas

Eileen Mudd Labukas, 69, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, died at her home on July 6 of cancer. Mrs. Labukas was born in Waldorf and moved to Beltsville in 1932. She graduated from Holy Redeemer in Berwyn, Hyattsville High School and Dunbarton College in Washington, D.C.

She was employed in 1944 as a recreation assistant by the town of Greenbelt. In 1948 she and her husband Peter moved to Greenbelt, living first in the Parkway apartments and later at 25-F Ridge Road. They moved to the present home on Lakeside in 1958. Together they raised four children.

She is fondly remembered as "Miss Mudd" by school children of the forties in Greenbelt. She taught physical education at Center School and worked for the recreation department until 1950, serving one year as Acting Director. She is remembered also for opening and operating the first youth center building in Greenbelt, known as the Drop Inn, directing the annual water pageant at the pool, and developing programs for children. After leaving the employment of the Recreation Department, she served on the city's first Recreation Advisory Board, forerunner of today's Park and Recreation Advisory Board. During preparation of the 50th anniversary pictorial history of Greenbelt, Mrs. Labukas provided both photographs and information from those early years.

A plaque recognizing her contributions to the youth of Greenbelt, presented to her last week, will hang in the Youth Center.

Mrs. Labukas worked for 20 years as the Director of Alumnae Relations for Dunbarton College until it closed in 1973. She then joined Operation: Moving Ahead (OMA) with the public schools, teaching remedial reading to first and second graders. She retired in 1982.

Mrs. Labukas was an active member of the St. Hugh's parish serving as an officer of the St. Hugh's Parents Guild and the Women of St. Hugh's Sodality. She also worked with the SOME (So Others May Eat) program of the parish.

She was a regular volunteer with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Special Populations Division Programs and with the Prince Georges County Association for Retarded Citizens. In particular she was a primary organizer for the annual Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded fund raiser held in Greenbelt for the past 18 years. This year the City of Greenbelt declared June 2 as Eileen Labukas Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded Day.

She was a member of the

Board of Directors of CALMRA, Christian Assisted Living for the Mentally Retarded, which is working toward establishing a group home for handicapped adults.

She was also an active advocate for services for people with disabilities, particularly during the legislative sessions.

Besides her husband, survivors include four children: Kathryn Ann, Peter P., Jr., and Elizabeth Joan Labukas and Lynn Marie Titus; a brother Francis C. Mudd, a sister Anna Lee Mudd; and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday at St. Hugh's with interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to CALMRA, c/o Mary Solko, 6307 Martins Terrace, Lanham, Md. 20706.

Small World Dept.

"It's a small world," observed former Greenbelter Naomi Arenberg, who, at the conclusion of her interview with Victor Nicholson at the recent "National Inventors Expo '91," learned of their mutual connection to Greenbelt. Arenberg is the niece of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Walder, and Nicholson, inventor of the "BUSS, Telecommuting with Vision" system, is the husband of Elaine Skolnik. And the world became even smaller when Boston's WGBH-FM interviewer learned that the director of public affairs for the exhibition's sponsor—the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office—was Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of Greenbelt.

Associated with the radio station's "Morning Pro-Musica" program, Arenberg—storyteller, singer, instrumentalist and teacher—and her husband, Peter Baum, an independent inventor, reside in Cambridge, Mass. Both appeared in concert, along with Walder's daughter Amy at the Baltimore Museum of Art on June 12, where senior citizen day, "Portrait Power—the Presence of People in Pictures," was celebrated.

The trio, billed as the "Laughing Willows," presented a collection of songs and stories which Arenberg said "painted clear musical images." An expanded ver-



Eileen Mudd (Labukas), far right, is shown here with members of the Drop Inn parent advisors in 1946. From left (seated) are Mrs. David Steinle, Mrs. O.M. Slye, John Teel, chairman, and Mudd, director; standing, Hugh Hawkins, James Wolfe and Ervin Dietzel.

Mudd is credited with establishing the first Drop Inn in the basement of the old police and fire departments' building (now Domino's Pizza). In 1948 she engineered bringing a large wooden building to Greenbelt as an improved Drop Inn. It stood at 9 Parkway where the red brick Greenbelt Plaza apartments are today.

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Greenbelt Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 15-19 from 6:30-9 p.m. Classes will be for children of all ages and also for adults. Bible stories, music, refreshments and recreation will be part of each evening's schedule.

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sion of the program was later presented at the home of Arenberg's sister, Miriam, also in Baltimore.

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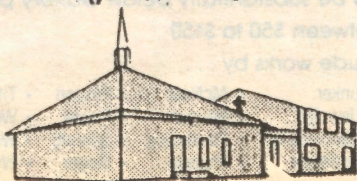
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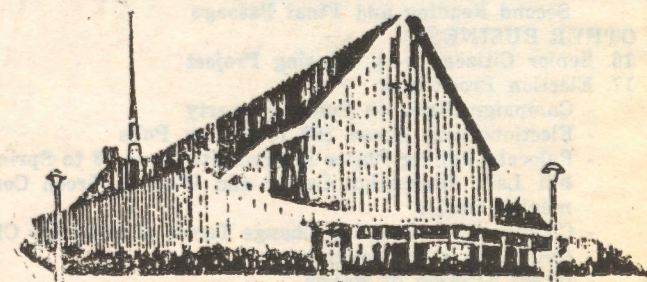
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Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze announced the following promotions: Daniel P. O'Neil, a 14-year veteran of the police department, was promoted to lieutenant and will serve as the Bureau Commander of the Patrol Division. Christopher D. Field, a 10-year veteran, was promoted to sergeant, as was Alan J. Riskin, a 9-year veteran. Carolyn M. McLean and Maria G. Arthur, both 7-year veterans, were promoted to corporal.

Police Officer First Class Marie A. Croisette has returned from a short leave of absence

Police Blotter

Two 20-year-old nonresident males were arrested and charged with assault and battery in connection with a robbery and beating of a pedestrian reported to have taken place in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court around 10 p.m. on July 1.

Assault

On June 29 a 26-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery after a female and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

resident of the 6200 block of Springhill Court reported being choked during a domestic dispute.

Vehicle Thefts

On June 28 a resident in the 7700 block of Hanover Pakwy. reported seeing two people try to break into his vehicle. As a result of an investigation, a 15-year-old resident and an 18-year-old resident male were identified, arrested, and charged with tampering with a motor vehicle.

On July 1 a 33-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with unlawful tampering with a motor vehicle after he was found trying each of a handful of keys in the ignition of a car in the area of Southway and Crescent Rds.

On July 1 a green two-door 1976 Chevy Malibu, MD tags TJK 510, was reported stolen from Kenilworth Ave. at the Beltway. On July 2 a beige 1976 Ford Escort, MD tags XGT985, was re-

Election Issues

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ten agreement and said he would limit his signs to the designated areas, even if other candidates did not. However, he would bring these noncomplying candidates' actions to the attention of voters at the candidates' forums. Bram and Putens also favored publishing the policy without taking formal council action.

White opposed the entire proposal. He described it as attempting to achieve the unachievable and questioned the council members' authority to act on the issue since "they aren't all the candidates."

ported stolen from the 6100 block of Springhill Court.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the 7500 block of Mandan Rd. and in the 7200 block of South Ora Court.

The four council members favoring the sign policy saw an opportunity to reduce campaign expenses and reduce "sign pollution." White argued that it was not council's business to try to address the cost of campaigning.

Rodney Roberts, a council candidate in 1989, argued that the change would give an extra advantage to incumbents. He also saw no likely cost savings, since signs must be ordered in lots of at least 100 even if candidates can post only 12. Bram said that candidates can make 200 signs in their backyards on a Sunday afternoon: "It is really messy though." Isaacs and Weidenfeld doubted that challengers would be harmed, since incumbents' signs usually far outnumber those of challengers.

Other issues involve whether candidates or city staff would post the signs, how the relative positions of the signs would be determined and what the candidates should do if signs are posted without the candidates' permission.

Poll Workers

Under state law, candidates and their supporters working at the polls must stay at least 100 feet from the entrance to the polling place. This restriction is rarely obeyed in city elections and some residents have expressed concern about "walking the gauntlet" to the polls. Unfortunately, at most of the city's polling places, the 100-foot limit either places poll workers in the middle of a street or busy parking lot, or moves them too far away from voters.

Putens suggested eliminating poll working totally, which White said could be done by enforcing the 100-foot limit. Weidenfeld suggested maintaining a clear pathway into each polling place, rather than insisting upon the full 100-foot arc. Gerald Madison suggested "roping off" poll workers into a designated area.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi cautioned council about the First Amendment implications of restrictions on poll workers and agreed to research what council could do. However, he suggested that whatever limit is agreed upon, the area should be clearly roped off.

Financial Disclosure

White suggested, to little support from his colleagues, that campaign finance requirements be changed to require candidates to disclose the total amount of contributions received, in addition to the required itemization of all contributions above \$25. He also wanted a requirement that candidates itemize their expenditures by category.

These changes would allow citizens to compare total expenditures versus contributions and to determine how much of the candidates' own money was spent. Bram, Weidenfeld and Putens saw no need for the change, arguing that the vast majority of campaign expenditures come, in Bram's words, "from my purse."

MVA Raises Fees

Beginning July 1 Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation began increasing fees. The most significant fee affecting Maryland's drivers is the driver's license renewal which will cost \$16 proposed to be effective as of July 15. This renewal will be good for a 4-year period.

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Board Upholds Resale Standards

by Leslie Robinson

Manager Ronald Colton presented the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board with a full menu of problems to resolve, including mortgage loans, the woodlands, privacy screens and recycling. The main items presented by those present for the board's consideration were GHI resale standards and a plan for a neighborhood watch.

Mortgage Loans

Catherine Sweetser, Loan Officer for the Arbor National Mortgage Corporation, appeared before the board seeking a "Recognition Agreement." This agreement is identical to agreements held by the seven or so other mortgage lenders now handling GHI mortgages. The agreement would allow Arbor National Mortgage to provide up to 25 mortgages.

Arbor National has 18 offices in six states and employs about 500 people. The Federal National Mortgage Association, a private firm, rates Arbor National in the top tenth of mortgage lenders. It has no problem loan activity and no REO's (real estate owned as a result of foreclosure proceedings).

Colton in his Manager's Memorandum set forth some prime aspects of Arbor's loan policy:

"They will make loans up to 90% of the property value, including 30 and 15 year fixed rate loans, and one year adjustable rate mortgages. They will also make loans which amortize over 30 years but become due in full in either five or seven years. Similar loans which carry a seven year fixed rate are becoming quite popular . . . , and if the interest rate is favorable, could become quite popular within GHI as approximately one half of the sellers each year have stayed less than seven years."

After some discussion the board did not grant Arbor the Recognition Agreement, but by unanimous vote deferred action until a later date.

Although the seven or so other firms now making mortgage loans on GHI homes have agreements identical to the one sought by Arbor, Board Member Chuck Hess stated that the strength of a co-op is its ability to select its membership. Neither this agreement or the others give this right to GHI in case of a default. Board Member Margaret Hogensen expressed concern that Arbor had submitted no financial statement to GHI.

Woodlands Committee

In response to a recent GHI advertisement in the News Review, eight GHI members volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Woodlands Committee. The names were not disclosed.

The board and members present grappled with the number of GHI members that should be placed on the committee. They were apprehensive that the selection might unbalance the committee with either proponents or opponents to the environmental easement for 82.5 acres of GHI land which is presently under a forest management agreement with the state of Maryland.

The board voted to appoint board members John Mongelli, Don Comis, and Alan Freas to select six members to serve with

Freas, who had been appointed chairman at a previous meeting. The six nominees must be approved by the board.

Privacy Screens

The board approved six-foot high fences for two GHI homes. Robert Rashkin, member of the A&E Committee (Architecture and Environment), inspected both sites and had no objection to their erection. Neighbors had no objections.

One fence will be a privacy screen for an existing deck that extends 13½ feet from the building. Permission is required if the fence extends more than eight feet from the building. The other fence will be a picket fence with alternately facing boards around the entire gardenside yard. The homeowner stated that a high fence of this type was necessary to fence in two large dogs.

Door-to-Door Pickup

Parris Glendening, County Executive, replied to the board's letter concerning existing door-to-door pickup of recyclables. Glendening assured the board that present policy will continue for the trial one-year period. He urged Greenbelters with recycling problems to contact David Helmecki of the City's Public Works Department.

The board, searching for more facts on recycling, approved a motion by board member Hogensen to have the GHI management team request the city staff to do a study of the costs of collection of garbage and recyclables in GHI versus costs in other residential areas of Greenbelt.

Resale Inspection Standards

To ensure that homes meet GHI standards, GHI residents are required to submit to an inspection of their homes and yards when they wish to sell their Mutual Ownership Contract, according to page 21 of the Member's Handbook. Member improvements not covered by GHI maintenance must be brought in compliance with GHI standards at the owners' expense.

Stephen Fix of 60-E Crescent Road testified that before he can sell his house, he faces a possible bill of \$1,870 for GHI fee-for-service repair of a cinder-block retaining wall on the service side of his unit. The wall had been constructed by an own-

er some years before Fix purchased his unit. Fix maintained that the wall was in the same condition now as when he purchased his unit four years ago.

Manager Colton, stated that the wall was a member improvement and, as such, the repair of the wall was Fix's responsibility. Stephen Wright, assistant general manager, said that GHI would hold the fee-for-service bill until time of property settlement. He also said that Fix could get his own contractor to do the job. Fix said he had one bid for \$1,450 from a contractor.

Motions by Comis to aid Fix died for want of seconds. However, a motion by Hogensen to put resale standards on the agenda at a future date was seconded and unanimously approved. This means that the board stood by the GHI staff and its interpretation of the regulations in the Member's Handbook. The wall will have to be repaired before the sale is allowed.

Vinyl Siding for Block Homes

Colton reported that the lowest bid on installation of insulation and vinyl siding was submitted by Beltway Window Systems. The bid covers 54 homes. The bid for all these homes totaled \$235,495, or an average of about \$4,400 per unit. Financing would be available through GHI with a piggyback on existing rehab loans, which have approximately 11½ years to run as of Jan. 1, 1992. Colton estimated the interest rate would be about 9.2 percent. Owners may also pay cash or go elsewhere for a loan.

Crime Watch

A crime watch for GHI homes was proposed by David Tastrab, 402 Ridge Road. The watch would be conducted by volunteers trained by Greenbelt city police. They will carry a cellular phone while on patrol. Tastrab assured the board there would be no cost to GHI or the city.

Comis complimented Tastrab. Hess wished him "all the luck in the world." Doug Love liked the idea of a portable cellular phone for use in patrolling

Greenbelt's wooded areas.

Other

On August 15 the board will meet with the city council. The next regular meeting of the board will be on July 18, with revisions of the by-laws on the agenda. The board made a contribution of \$100 to the Greenbelt Arts Center. And, for anyone still curious, the windows in the Greenbelt Center School gymnasium do open, according to a recent communication from the school's principal. (Previous to the 1991 annual meeting, school employees told GHI staff that the windows wouldn't open.)

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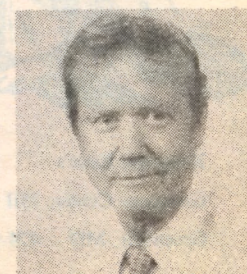
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M-NCPPC Presents Trails Plan To PRAB, APB and City Groups

by Doug Love

A comprehensive trail plan created by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) was presented on Wednesday, June 19, at a joint meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the Advisory Planning Board (APB). Also attending were representatives of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, The Greenbelt Greens, the Patuxent Chapter Sierra Club, the College Park Bicycle Coalition, the Greenbelt Woodlands Anti-Arson Committee, the Greenbelt Trails Maintenance Committee and other independent environmentalists.

Kim Finch of the Urban Design Planning Section of M-NCPPC presented plans for unpaved hiking paths, paved pedestrian trails, hiker-biker trails and commuter bike routes which had been based on meetings with city staff and trail walks through the city. Besides showing city maps with multicolored trail overlays, containing definitions of the types of trails proposed, plans on how to build them and the costs involved.

The plan provided freedom for many types of unmotorized transportation, as well as attempting to resolve circulation conflicts where different types of trails would cross. Some supporters of the project were concerned briefly that some trails did not go where they expected them to and that some city parks had been renamed for the study.

The trails are designed for commuter access to Metro, workplaces and stores, and for recreational use. Three basic trail systems are proposed: pedestrian trails and hiking paths, mixed hiker-biker trails, and bike commuter routes.

Bike Routes

The main outer-loop bicycle commuter routes, which would

be largely on paved roads, would form a circular pattern around Greenbelt, on Ridge Road, Greenbelt Road, Cherrywood Lane and a connection north of Lakeside North back to Ridge. Eric Berlin, city trails coordinator, asked if a hiker-biker trail on Greenbelt Road is feasible. Finch said that already a demonstration trail exists on the south side in Berwyn, but that a trail on the north side would be more feasible.

The proposed bike trail through Parcel 1, woods at the city's north end, reappeared on Finch's maps where the City Trails Committee had last seen it, connecting the ends of Laurel Hill Road and Plateau Place and continuing behind GHI homes on Plateau and Ridge to the Spellman Overpass. The committee had considered this arrangement and had voted to avoid paving the woods. This trail had also been opposed because it travels up and down some 6' deep canyons, seen as not appropriate for easy-access bicycle commuter routes.

Finch stated that, "Based on my personal experience in park planning, one paved trail will protect the rest of the area. A defined trail can save your other areas."

This concept had already been adopted by the Trails Committee, which supports a main unpaved but marked and maintained perimeter hiking trail and a bicycle commuter route through the center of old Greenbelt. Trails Committee Chairman Bill Wilkerson noted that the committee had voted to leave the trails natural. To minimize signage, it was suggested that the bike trails be marked on the roadway.

A trail continuing Springhill Drive northwest across Cherrywood Lane and the Smith property was suggested as a more direct route to the Metro station than following the Cherrywood Lane access road. Finch noted that current access to Metro is a sidewalk and that the most logical connection is across

the wetlands on a floating trail, such as is used in Greenbelt Park wetlands. City councilmember Tom White noted that a hiker-biker trail down Indian Creek has long been proposed but is out of the jurisdiction of the city.

Overpasses?

The intersection of bike trails with Kenilworth Avenue was a major point of discussion. One committee member, mentioning the Greenbelt tradition of underpasses, asked if it was possible to put an underpass beneath Kenilworth. Finch said that overpasses are open and secure, that the police and the state like them, and that there is less liability connected with a covered overpass bridge than with an enclosed tunnel. She set the price of an overpass at \$75,000 to \$100,000. One resident claimed the engineering at Kenilworth and Ivy Lane was right for an overpass but was a blind crossing both ways for bicyclists traveling east on Ivy Lane.

Alternative routes for the pedestrian spine connecting Eleanor Roosevelt High School with Schrom Hills Park were considered. Wilkerson asked if the spine separating biker and commuter traffic was still viable. He noted that "Greenbelt East community owners need to decide." Possible connections include Megan Lane and Morrison Drive.

Traffic between the Spellman Overpass and Roosevelt was also discussed. It was generally felt that better pedestrian circulation is needed at Roosevelt. One resident noted that people must walk single-file on a sidewalk that also now doubles as a bicycle access route.

Tom Renahan of PRAB again brought up the subject of building an overpass across Greenbelt Road at either Frankfort Drive or Hanover Parkway. Finch explained that an overpass is brought prefabricated. The main cost items are building walls and ramps to required height. Bikeways would require spiral, switchback or long ramps.

Reactions

Reactions to the general plan included White's, who called the map "trail clutter." Lola Skolnick of PRAB asked, "What's the point of calling existing roads 'bikeways'? I'd want to focus on solving problems at intersections: simple things like ramp curbs solve some of them. Adding lanes that separate traffic is great, but I see no financial commitment from the city." White replied, "I think there is that commitment."

Renahan asked, "Do we continue on a two-track policy, or do we integrate efforts? How do we proceed?" Berlin responded that the Trails subcommittee would look at this and make decisions. He suggested that there should be one more round of discussions. Renahan hoped that other questions could be answered later. Finch asked that a letter be written to M-NCPPC to keep this project on the books, as otherwise it is supposed to be finished by July 1.

At the Library

Wednesday, July 17, Summer Quest. Ages 6-12, 2 p.m., Library Theatre.

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Giese Remembers the Way It Was . . .

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Giese. "Soon after he came, a new master plan for Greenbelt was presented by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. It was fought by Greenbelters for nine years.

Under that plan high-rise apartments were planned for Greenbelt Lake Park between the lake and Crescent Road.

Parcel I was slated for low-rise and high-rise apartments. Shopping Centers were planned for Golden Triangle, Greenway and Parcel 7 (across from the Lake Park).

No single family homes were planned for Greenbelt East; it was all high-rise apartments and garden apartments.

Springhill Lake north was the only area where there was no battle. Council approved the zoning change from apartment to commercial, but the land was idle for years. Now it is Capital Office Park.

Zoning Battles

The city has no voice in zoning decisions—that power lies with the county. But despite this, after years of numerous zoning battles the face of Greenbelt looks quite different from that of the early master plan.

The character of the city council changed when the "Green Knights" were elected right after Giese came. A public meeting in the Center School gym was packed and this impressed county officials who were present. GHI put out stakes parallel to Ridge Road to show residents where the widened street called for in the master plan would be. This was sometimes in people's yards.

The city developed its own master plan and it was eventually adopted. In 1965 there was a bond issue of \$250,000 to buy park land. Land around the lake and across from the lake (Parcels 7 and 8) was purchased.

The zoning battles continued, including Golden Triangle, the Jaeger Tract (where Westchester Park was built) and Parcel 1.

Libel Suit

One of the by-products of all this was a lawsuit against the News Review. Charles Bresler sued the newspaper for libel because it accurately quoted unkind statements about him, explained Giese.

The News Review won the lawsuit but had to go all the way to the United States Supreme Court to do so.

Giese believes the impact of the lawsuit was to make the paper more careful and to tone down the voice of protest in the community.

Changing Views

Giese believes the green space around GHI was sold off in the 1950's by GHI residents because they decided they could not afford the tax bill. When it was under the federal government they had no taxes. It was a bunch of World War II veterans trying to raise kids and finish school, he said.

From being zoned high and low rise apartments under the master plan, through the years, the owners of Parcel 1 and 2 kept cutting back on the densities in their proposals and sold 72 acres of the land to the school board. So when single family homes were proposed for Parcel 1 in 1987 it looked great in comparison to earlier proposals, he said. But newcomers would not hear of it, so the city purchased the land, he added.

In the early days of the zoning battles the council was in total opposition to the proposed developments. But the council had little say in zoning decisions. "The lack of public participation in the planning process was significant and dramatic," he said.

Gaining a Voice

As an example he cited an incident in which the city staff had to keep asking to have Greenbelt representatives at one of the planning board's non-public meetings in Springhill Lake. Giese and councilman Richard Pilski went and nobody paid attention to them. Finally one commissioner talked to Pilski for a bit.

As the council gained a voice,

developers found they got further if they talked to council. And council, having lost some battles, began to talk to the developers. Now the city has such an influential voice that developers have learned to come to council first for approval, he believes.

He thinks that two goods came out of this. Development was done better than it would have been. And council was able to annex some parcels. For example, council could not stop Greenway, but annexed it and got the tax base. "It pleased me that Hunting Ridge asked to be annexed into the city, despite increased taxes," said Giese.

Questions

Giese took questions from the 22-member audience. One person asked about the rumor that the county council had been tied to developers in the 1960s and early 1970s. Giese answered that two county commissioners were convicted of taking bribes.

"Certainly county commissioners at that time were developer oriented," said Giese, and they knew when the projects were coming. It is "unfortunate that they confused rapid growth, when they should have been looking at quality growth," Giese said.

Giese was asked how the other green belt towns have done. He has visited both of them.

Green Dale, Wisconsin, has zoning authority. It is a well-to-do town with a mix of land uses. Wealthy people would choose a piece of land with the city zoning, then sell it to a developer.

Green Hills, Ohio, is totally surrounded by a forest preserve with a lake in it. It is the poor-

est of the three green belt towns because there is too little tax base. Part of the town de-annexed itself and has development like that seen in Greenbelt.

Issues for the 90's

Linda Warner asked what Giese thought were the biggest issues of the 1990's for Greenbelt. "I think the city finances will be a problem," he replied. New development that has been helping to pay the bills, has been slowing down, he explained. Costs will come from salaries increasing for city employees, the indoor pool and the community center. And there is talk of expanding the police department.

Another issue is the Greenbelt Metro station. He did not know how it would impact the city. But there is the potential for extensive development on the Metro site. This could cause traffic problems for Greenbelt.

Also for the 1990's will be the challenge of keeping Greenbelt a quality community. For example, so many of the apartments in the city are at least 25 years old. In other parts of the county buildings that old are slums. The attitude of the owners is important and Greenbelt's are good and doing necessary things for their buildings, he believes.

Florence Holley asked about senior citizen housing. Giese doubted the current proposal would be approved.

Dewey Lomax, former mayor of College Park, praised Giese. Greenbelt and the surrounding areas have gained by working with Jim, he said.

Fine Arts Auction Held By Greenbelt Arts Center

by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold its major fund raiser of the year—a benefit art show and auction—on July 17 at the Greenbelt Fire House. In coordination with the Heisman Fine Arts Gallery, Inc. of Ardmore, Pa., the Arts Center will offer the audience an opportunity to obtain any of a variety of art work from original oils to watercolors, sculptures, enamels, etchings, lithographs, serigraphs and prints. The auction begins at 8 p.m., following a preview hour.

Marie Tousignant, Arts Center president, recalled the success of last year's event in raising money for the non-profit center and in providing an entertaining evening for all who attended. She urged Greenbelters to attend and bring their friends to support the Arts Center and its program bringing fine arts and performing arts to the community. The funds raised by the auction will be used to augment the Arts Center's Facilities Development Fund.

Area businesses have donated door prizes for the event which include: \$100 gift certificate for air fare on Continental Airlines (from Travel On Greenbelt); breakfast/weekend for two at the Greenbelt Marriot; gift certificates for dinner for two from TGIF; \$25 gift certificates from Jasper's and Kangaroo Katie's; dinner for two from the Greenbelt Holiday Inn; Little Caesar's large pizzas; \$100 gift certificate for landscaping from David Wilson; and framed art work from the Heisman Gallery.

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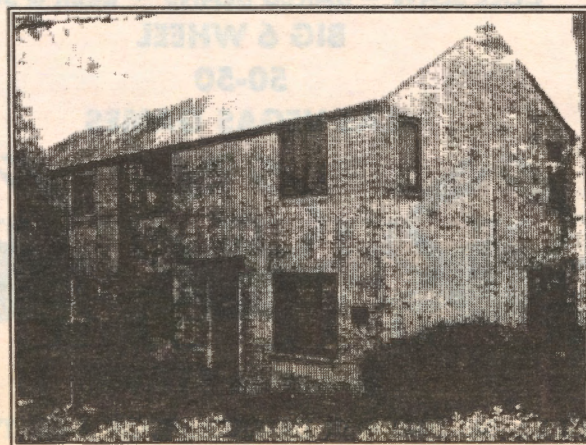
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There will also be a special award for the performer judged "best in show." All types of performers are urged to participate: singers, dancers, musicians, magicians, acrobats, dramatic readers. Solo performers, duos, or any size group are welcome. People who sing in the choir or just in the shower, have per-

formed in school, entertained family and friends, or have a desire to begin a career in performing arts, should consider the Talent & Variety Show. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 31. Rehearsal times will be announced later. Call Cheri Gainer for more information, 441-8589.

Art Show

Barbara Simon is the new chair of the group organizing the Labor Day Festival Art Show. The Art Show moves this year to the Youth Center where entries will be displayed throughout the weekend. The Art Show joins the Photo Exhibition which has been located in the Youth Center to provide sufficient room for displaying and viewing the entries. The Art Show has expanded its categories for judging. Entries will be printed in upcoming issues of the News Review. For info.: Barbara Simon 474-2192.

Carnival

Deadline for community organizations to apply for a carnival booth is July 20. Carnival booths offer an opportunity for organizations to publicize their activities and raise money for projects and services. Contact J Davis 345-3241 for more information. J has directed the carnival for a number of years and can help groups make their plans for a Festival booth.

Donations

The Labor Day Festival is asking local business to support the 4-day festival which is financed in great part by the donations of local business and individuals. All previous contributors, new businesses, and long-standing Greenbelt firms will be contacted to request support for the Festival through a general donation or the support of a specific activity or event. For more information contact, Alan Schultz, 474-4038.

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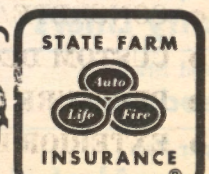
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